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Re: Docket Number FAA-2004-17041;  
Comments to the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) for Noise  
Stringency Increase for Single-Engine Propeller-Driven Small Airplanes

**Who We Are**

We are the Citizen Noise Advisory Committee (CNAC) for the Portland International Airport (PDX). We are appointed by regional governments to work on noise abatement issues with PDX. This correspondence represents our opinion, which may not necessarily agree with the opinion of Port of Portland management.

**Our Comments**

CNAC supports the FAA's proposal to increase noise stringency standards for single-engine propeller-driven aircraft. While CNAC focuses most of its attention on commercial aircraft using PDX, we are also aware that the smaller aircraft using our region's general aviation airports contribute to the overall noise. This new and higher standard will benefit citizens living near airports in Hillsboro, Troutdale, and Mulino, Oregon; as well as citizens living near other small airports in Oregon, Southern Washington, and around the United States.

Moreover, CNAC encourages the FAA to continue raising standards for noise abatement for all categories of aircraft that lie in the spectrum beginning with single-engine propeller-driven aircraft and ending with the largest commercial jet aircraft.

On behalf of CNAC,

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